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## Teachers Are Assured Of Getting Full Pay

NEW APPROPRIATION BILL CARRIES \$775,000. FOR SALARIES OF  
PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS—ADDS \$69,000. TO GOV.  
ERNOR'S FIRST ESTIMATE—NIGHT SES-  
SION WAS DISGRACE

### HOUSE.

Thirty-Fifth Day—Afternoon and Night  
Sessions.

Seven hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars is the amount which the Legislature intends to appropriate for teachers' salaries. This is the figure in what is virtually a new appropriation bill, to take the place of House Bill 74, introduced last night, and it puts an end to the fears of the teachers that they were to be made to pay for the economy about which the Legislature has talked so much this session. This \$775,000 is \$69,000 more than the amount called for in the Governor's estimate as set forth in the original appropriation bill. The total which it is now proposed to appropriate for the public schools is \$789,000.

The new bill is not actually new in the sense that it bears a different number and has to pass through first reading, but it is to all intents and purposes new. It is the result of the conference between the Finance Committee of the House and the Ways and Means Committee of the Senate and their determination to urge that more public utilities be turned over to the Counties. Under the provisions of this bill and of other special measures already passed it is proposed to give the counties the control and management and have them support the water works and sewer works, the wharves and landings, the schools, district court houses, jails and hospitals, sanitation, food inspection, etc. In consequence of this the total carried by the new appropriation bill is only \$2,624,786, as against \$3,248,226 in the bill as originally introduced.

During the afternoon session some progress was made with the appropriation bill, though not as much as might have been made in the time consumed. The economical ideas of the House evidently do not apply when it comes to time. If time is money, the Representatives are wonderfully extravagant. They have wasted so many valuable hours wrangling over nothing or over points that ought to be clear to a six-year-old child that Shingle announced yesterday afternoon that it would be necessary to begin to hold night sessions in order to get through with the appropriation bill. There should have been no necessity for anything of the kind, but several sessions were absolutely lacking in results, the members taking up the entire time scarping among themselves without accomplishing anything. The session last night was of this character, the deliberations of the honorable Representatives sounding more like a cat fight in the back yard than anything else.

All the work of the House is done by about a dozen of the members, the others think they are extremely busy, but as a matter of fact they do not count, and are not intended to count. The House leaders allow them to talk and argue so that they will imagine they are doing something and not get stubborn and attempt to take the bit in their teeth and run away, but as a matter of fact the talkative ones are simply being humored like children.

At the afternoon session of the House, in Committee of the Whole, Shingle made one of the most important statements of the session. This was in part the statement already outlined in regard to what it is proposed to give the teachers. He said that he and Senator Fairchild, of the Senate Ways and Means Committee had interviewed the Governor in regard to the proposed turning over to the counties of more power and responsibility, and the three of them had carefully gone over the financial situation with this in view. The Governor on learning what the Legislature wanted to do had gone over his estimates and had agreed to the \$69,000 increase in the amount for teachers' salaries. Also it was resolved to provide a contingency fund of \$75,000, to be used, with the approval of the Governor, in making up any deficiency which may develop in any of the appropriations for the various departments. He stated that if the Legislature will carry out the proposed policy, over half a million dollars can be saved to go for public improvements.

In the revised appropriation bill the policy has been adopted of making lump sum appropriations for the running expenses of the various departments, instead of appropriating specific sums for clerks, stenographers and other employees. The idea is that with a lump sum at his disposal, the head of a department will be able to use it to better advantage. Instead, for instance, of being obliged, as heretofore, to spend \$100 a month for a clerk when he doesn't need a clerk but does want a stenographer, he will

be able to let the clerk out and hire a stenographer.

This scheme, of course, meets with the bitter opposition of that contingent in the House that is always looking out for the man and the job, without any care as to the work. Several hard fights on this occurred yesterday afternoon and evening, none of them being conclusive.

### Committee of the Whole.

When the House went into the Committee of the Whole in the afternoon, the discussion over the item of \$17,000 for the carrying out of the provisions of the liquor law, including the pay of inspectors, was resumed. The matter was soon settled, the figure being cut to \$5000. This means that there will be little money for license inspectors and that the work now done by them may be turned over to the Sheriffs of the various counties.

Under the head of "public instruction," a motion was made to cut out the various items for secretary, stenographer and book clerk, school and purchasing agent, school agents, expenses, and substitute an item "clerks, stenographers and expenses, \$15,300." Moanauhi still sticks to the old idea that it is the business of the Legislators to stick their noses into everybody else's business, especially where jobs are concerned, and he opposed any such move. A specific salary ought to be appropriated for each individual employee of the department, he thought.

Rice explained that he had learned that the department could very well be run for \$15,300 without impairing its efficiency.

Long, chairman of the Educational Committee, wanted the matter deferred until he could confer with the Governor about it. His motion prevailed.

Rice wanted to bunch a few items under the head of Public Works Department. The total as in the bill amounted to over \$41,000, but Rice said that if water works and sewers are turned over to the county, the Superintendent can get along on \$22,920. He moved to reconsider the items already passed, so as to lump them.

Moanauhi wanted to defer, as he said the House did not yet know whether the waterworks and sewers were to be turned over to the counties or not.

Coney once more had to call attention to the fact that the bill was only on second reading and if any changes were necessary, they could be made on third reading.

Rice said it was simply a question of whether the Territory is to go ahead or stay in the same old rut. How did the members expect to give the counties more money unless they turned to the counties more duties?

### Consolidation impossible.

Shingle made the statement that he had conferred with Senator Fairchild over the proposed consolidation of the Public Works Department, the Land Department and the Survey office, and Fairchild had stated that the Organic Act would not permit of such action, but would allow a consolidation of the Land and Survey offices.

Both Shingle and Rice urged that the House get to work and finish up the bill. Rice moved that it be the sense of the Committee that the House begin night sessions at once and continue them until the bill is passed. This motion carried. The Committee rose, to sit again at 7:30 p. m.

Before the House went into Committee of the Whole other business was transacted, as follows:

### Primary Bill Introduced.

Furtado introduced a bill to provide for nominations by direct vote. This is the same bill which has for some time been before the Senate and upon which that body seems inclined to delay action as long as possible. The bill was referred to the Piling Committee.

### Resolutions.

Resolutions for the appropriation of money were introduced, as follows:

Furtado, \$3000, new road in Kaupahu homesteads, Hamakua.

Cohen, \$24,000, support and maintenance of the Hawaiian Band.

### A New Bill.

Kealawa introduced a bill to appropriate \$1003.50 for the settlement of the claims of seven residents of the County of Hawaii for lands taken by the government for a public highway. The lands were used to form Bridge street, Hilo.

### Kauikaeouli Statue.

The Military Committee split upon Like's bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the erection of a statue to Kauikaeouli. The majority of the committee submitted a report favoring the passage of the bill, but Chairman Afonso sent in a minority report in which he said that while the erection of a statue would be a very fitting recognition of the greatness of Kamehameha III, it would be better to have it done by some future Legislature when the finances of the Territory are in better condition than they are now.

Later in the afternoon the matter was taken up for consideration and the report of the majority committee was adopted.

The night session of the House, in Committee of the Whole, was almost a riot, resulting in much noise and no work. Several times the sober leaders of the House, who had come to work, nearly gave up in disgust at the antics of some of the noisy members, who insisted on wasting time with nonsensical speeches about nothing. It is probable that today some of the latter are ashamed of themselves for the spectacle they made of themselves last night. If they are not, they ought to be.

Even Hihio, chief of the clam brigade, who theretofore had been content to sit quietly in his seat and try to look like a legislator, seemed to have something the matter with him and insisted on talking all the time.

There was hardly five minutes of the time that he was not on his feet raving about something, though nobody appeared able to find out what he wanted, except that he didn't want to work and did want to go home. His excuse was that he did not have a copy of the new bill translated into Hawaiian, although it was explained to him carefully and patiently time and again that the clerks of all the committees had been pounding the typewriters steadily all afternoon in an endeavor to get out the English copies and there had been no time for translation; moreover that the bill was not a new bill but the same old House Bill 74 in new form.

Kama also made an exhibition of himself. He kicked because he had no copy of the bill, and then when he was given one by Nakaleka, he still kicked and whined and sulked.

At one time there were six members on their feet at one time, all talking at once and none saying anything. Kawewehi stood up and howled for the sergeant-at-arms to make Afonso sit down. Everybody else bawled and yelled, and Cohen pounded the desk with his gavel in a vain attempt to restore some semblance of order. Rice and Coney did their best to quiet the squalling children, but their efforts were unavailing. Their explanations were not listened to. Some of the dignified Representatives were out looking for trouble and they were in just that condition that they were determined to have it. Night sessions do not seem to be a howling success. The adjective is all right, but the noun does not apply.

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